Exploitation of labourers of DMRC

†*153. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the "Rashtriya Sahara" dated the 21st January, 2003 under the caption "Paanch Varshon se Shoshan ka Shikar ho rahe hain D.M.R.C. ke Mazdoor";

(b) if so, the number of hours the workers are made to work everyday by the contractors of the D.M.R.C. alongwith the wages being provided to them every day; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure payment of daily wages @Rs. 102/- to the workers of the D.M.R.C.?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Labour is aware of the news-item published in Rashtriya Sahara on 21st January, 2003 under the caption "Paanch varshon se shoshan ka shikar ho rahe hain D.M.R.C. ke mazdoor."

Under the project even though the survey operation started four years ago, the actual construction work commenced since August, 2000. The corporation has prescribed that workers work for eight hours a day and are paid at the minimum wage rate notified by the Government of NCT of Delhi from time to time.

Periodic inspections by the Officers of central labour enforcement machinery do reveal cases of less payment of minimum wages in some cases to the workers. Action, as appropriate, is taken as permissible under the rules which, *inter alia*, includes issue of notices, filing of claim applications, recovery of difference of less wages/unequal wages/unauthorized deductions, etc., paid to the workers and institution of prosecution cases.

Allotment of ISD/STD/PCO

†*154. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.